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### **Carousel Fine Craft Show**

March 22, 23, 24, 2013

The City of Kingsport Office of Cultural Arts is pleased to announce the **Carousel Fine Craft Show**. In celebration of the amazing community project known as the Kingsport Carousel Project we present Kingsport's new premier juried, high quality, fine arts and crafts show. This juried show of ~20 quality exhibitors will feature fine artists, artisans, craftspeople, photographers and printmakers. The show will be juried by Kingsport Artisan Walt Turpening and will take place at the Kingsport Farmer's Market. All work in the show will be original hand-made works of fine craft/art. NO commercial items for resale, kits, imported or consigned goods will be accepted.

Carousel animals and paintings in progress will be prominently displayed. The public will be encouraged to visit the show to see the progress of the Carousel Project and to interact with the carvers, painters and other volunteers as well as taking part in the Fine Craft Show. The future site of the Kingsport Carousel will be in the vicinity of the Kingsport Farmer's Market.

Applications for Exhibitors are available through the Office of Cultural Arts or online at [www.Arts.KingsportTN.gov](http://www.Arts.KingsportTN.gov) **POSTMARK DEADLINE: Feb 28, 2013**

The show will be opened up with a Gala Event on Friday March 22 from 6-9 pm. This will be a special fundraiser for the Carousel Project. More information on the Gala will become available soon.

Dates/Times:	March 22-24, 2013	
Gala Event:	Friday March 22	6 pm – 9 pm
Show hours:	Saturday March 23	10 am – 5 pm
	Sunday March 24	10 am – 5 pm

Tickets available now at [www.EngageKingsport.com](http://www.EngageKingsport.com) or use this QR code:



- **Gala Event is \$35.00**

Includes entry pass to show for all days. Gala Event will include food /drinks & beer/wine for sale, with exclusive access to the Fine Craft Show as well as Carousel Project volunteers along with the carousel animals, paintings & carving demonstrations.

- **Tickets to Fine Craft Show are**

**\$5.00 for 1 day**

**\$7.00 for 2 day pass**

## **The Carousel Project:**

It started as one man's dream to have a carousel for the Kingsport community. He talked a few fellow Kiwanis members into investigating the idea and the *Four Horsemen* took charge. Now Kingsport has a carousel carving studio at the Lynn View Community Center where the carvers can be found working on their animals. It is open to the public M-F from 10 am – 5 pm. Volunteer painters are also hard at work painting the hand-carved animals. Another set of volunteer painters are painting Kingsport scenes on Rounding Boards for the Carousel.

Mechanics, merchants, fund raisers and enthusiasts are urged to get involved in this legacy project for Kingsport. The work continues until the 1956 vintage Herschel frame is in its own round house connected to the Farmers' Market and all animals have a place on the carousel with children of all ages riding. Completion date is set for spring 2014 so there is a lot of work to be done and a great way to get to know great people!

## **About the City of Kingsport Office of Cultural Arts & Engage Kingsport:**

**The City of Kingsport Office of Cultural Arts**, part of the City of Kingsport, connects, coordinates and engages the public with a creative community. It operates a public art program, concert and theatrical events, the *Carousel Project* and a broad range of support to the area's arts organizations. They work in tandem with Engage Kingsport, a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in order to facilitate their ambitious and broad agenda.

The Carousel Project's dream of having a hand-carved menagerie style carousel is getting closer all the time. Built by a group of nearly 100 volunteers, the Carousel will become a treasure for families of the region for many years to come.

In addition to the Carousel Project, Engage Kingsport's goals are to collaborate with a variety of arts organizations as well as non-arts organizations, with the aim of increasing opportunities and outlets for artists of all types. As Kingsport becomes a destination for artists, new markets emerge for the creations of these artists.

**Become a financial supporter of the Carousel Project**— supporters at all levels are needed to make the project a success. Tax-deductible donations should be made payable to Engage Kingsport, 1200 E. Center St. Kingsport, TN 37660. Engage Kingsport is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization.

Donations can be made through PayPal on [www.EngageKingsport.com](http://www.EngageKingsport.com)

*Donations of any amount welcomed.*

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The  
Carousel Project

*Making the Dream ...Come True!*

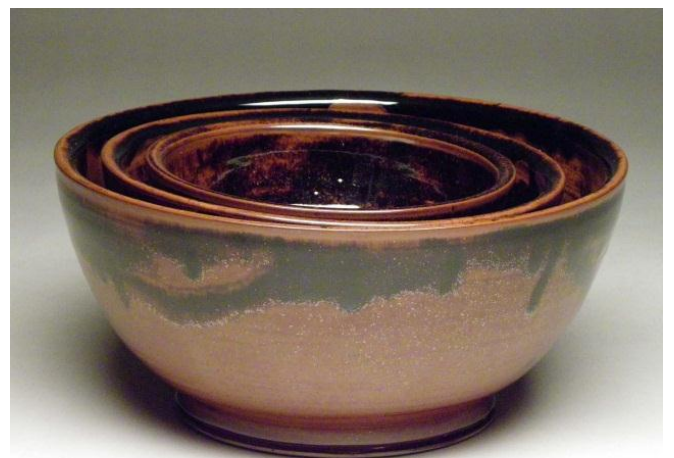




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